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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1,264 crashes as compared to 1,270 crashes in August of 2006. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities increased by 7. Overall total crashes decreased by 6 as compared to August 2006. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 5.6 % decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last year. Of the 67 commercial crashes investigated this month, one resulted in a fatality; 12 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 54 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 5.3% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,267 crash reports in August 2007. This resulted in 4,097 crash reports being mailed out, 27 % less than last year during August. There were 831 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was a decrease of 16% when compared to August 2006. The Southern Command Communication Center logged 26,608 CAD incidents and 38,089 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall traffic enforcement of 1.6% in August 2007, as compared to August 2006. The increase of enforcement coupled with the Multi Agency Traffic Task Force efforts which were directed at NHP jurisdictions may have assisted in the reduction of crashes. Total DUI crashes decreased by 19% as compared to last month.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its safety violation citations by 10 %. Additionally there was a 382 % increase of Trucks weighed during August. There were a total of 138 vehicles placed "Out of Service". Hazardous moving violations and total Safety Violations decreased from last year. These decreases are being addressed with the Commercial Enforcement Section.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	AUGUST 07		AUGUST 06	% Change		JULY 07	% Change
Total crashes	1264		1270	-0.5%		1302	-2.9%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	950		970	-2.1%		984	-3.5%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	304		297	2.4%		306	-0.7%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	10		3	233.3%		12	-16.7%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	55		69	-20.3%		68	-19.1%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	11		3	266.7%		12	-8.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	4		1	300.0%		3	33.3%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		0	200.0%		4	-50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2		2	0.0%		3	-33.3%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	67		71	-5.6%		63	6.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	54		55	-1.8%		52	3.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	12		16	-25.0%		8	50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		3	-66.7%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .8 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.4%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 55.6%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.3%
- ✱ Total crashes down .5 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 5.6 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 233 % as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	AUGUST 07		AUGUST 06	% Change		JULY 07	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	55		69	-20.3%		68	-19.1%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	192		198	-3.0%		164	17.1%
Other arrests	877		1120	-21.7%		1008	-13.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	406		475	-14.5%		402	1.0%
Speed violations	4084		3484	17.2%		4116	-0.8%
Hazardous moving violations	2308		2461	-6.2%		2405	-4.0%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	631		771	-18.2%		619	1.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	11697		11518	1.6%		11938	-2.0%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	59		71	-16.9%		55	7.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	173		280	-38.2%		262	-34.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	696		731	-4.8%		708	-1.7%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	315		287	9.8%		235	34.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1493		1808	-17.4%		1491	0.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	138		122	13.1%		108	27.8%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	57		60	-5.0%		61	-6.6%
Total school buses inspected	297		424	-30.0%		274	8.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	26		58	-55.2%		37	-29.7%
Total trucks weighed	516		107	382.2%		31	1564.5%
Total overweight citations	45		33	36.4%		29	55.2%
Total dyed fuel inspections	697		673	3.6%		708	-1.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections			15		11
Safety Violations Citation			10		
Safety Violations Repair Order			25		10
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"			3		1
Dyed Fuel Inspections			13		
Dyed Fuel Citations			2		

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.145%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 33 years old.
- ✱ 1 of the submitted lab tests of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 2.5% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	AUGUST 2007		AUGUST 2006	% Change		JULY 2007	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	467,680		78,235	497.8%		445,200	5.0%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	898,269		788,970	13.9%		877,878	2.3%
CAD Incidents	26,608		26,812	-0.8%		26,868	-1.0%
Telephone Calls	38,089		31,901	19.4%		39,989	-4.8%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	123		92	33.7%		26	373.1%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,267		1,359	-6.8%		1,251	1.3%
Arrest Reports Processed	375		347	8.1%		361	3.9%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	38		19	100.0%		23	65.2%
Vehicle Impound Releases	135		127	6.3%		128	5.5%
Visitors at Counter	831		987	-15.8%		987	-15.8%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	4,097		5,618	-27.1%		6,093	-32.8%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	837		733	14.2%		930	-10.0%
Warrants Entered	265		321	-17.4%		572	-53.7%
Warrants Cleared	498		418	19.1%		364	36.8%
Warrants Validated	1,955		1,144	70.9%		1,387	41.0%
Extradition / Transports	11		112	-8.3%		20	-45.0%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	54		79	-31.6%		72	-25.0%
New Items Submitted	105		146	-28.1%		146	-28.1%
Items Disposed	103		11	836.4%		20	415.0%

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 75.9 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 18.5 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 5.6 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 19 Contracts using 310.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$20,282.58

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
923	17	104	18	9

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
500	303	23	74	58	16

Community service appearances:

- Las Vegas College, Bishop Gorman H.S. Rhodes E.S. Cadwalleder M.S.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Initial planning of 2007 Great Santa Run w/ Opportunity Village
- Seatbelt and Traffic Safety Presentation w/AAA Nevada
- Guest speaker at Safeway Driving Academy
- Guest speaker at Northwest Driving School
- Second meeting of Las Vegas traffic Advisory Task Force
- Traffic Safety Presentation for returning members of the Nevada Nat'l Guard
- P.A.C.E. Yourself teen driving program / partners meeting
- Seatbelt Convincer at Henderson Night Out Against Crime
- Instructor at DUI and SFST Train the Trainer Course
- NHTSA teen aged seat belt planning meeting
- Assist with DRE conference
- DUI checkpoint with National Park Service at Lake Mead
- Joining Forces Media Event – Labor Day Enforcement

PIO Projects:

1. HEAT Racing.
2. Driver's Edge Program.
3. Child seat check; Safekids and AAA.
4. Planning of Craftsman Truck Race
5. Use of Seatbelt Simulator.